

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEBRASKA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

vs.

RICHARD GEDION PARENT a/k/a RICHARD
GIDEON PARENT and JON GREGORY
HILLMAN, JR,

Defendants.

4:23CR3015

PRELIMINARY ORDER OF
FORFEITURE

This matter is before the Court upon the United States of America's Motion for Preliminary Order of Forfeiture ([Filing No. 181](#)). The Court has reviewed the record in this case and, being duly advised in the premises, finds as follows:

1. On May 19, 2025, the Court held a change of plea hearing for Defendant Jon Gregory Hillman, Jr. ("Hillman") and Hillman entered a plea of guilty to Count I and admitted to the Forfeiture Allegation of the Indictment (Filing No. 174; [Filing No. 179](#)). Hillman's plea and his forfeiture admittance were accepted. (Filing No. 174.) In his signed Petition to Enter a Plea of Guilty, specifically Question No. 17, Hillman indicated that he would be forfeiting property to the United States as a result of his plea. ([Filing No. 178](#).)

2. On May 19, 2025, the Court held a change of plea hearing for Defendant Richard Gedion Parent a/k/a Richard Gideon Parent ("Parent") and Parent entered a plea of guilty to Count I of the Indictment. Parent's plea and his forfeiture admittance were accepted. (Filing No. 176.) In his signed Petition to Enter a Plea of Guilty, specifically Question No. 17, Parent indicated that he would be forfeiting property to the United States as a result of his plea ([Filing No. 180](#)).

3. Count I of the Indictment charged Hillman and Parent (collectively, “Defendants”) with violation of 21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1) and 841(b)(1) and 18 U.S.C. § 2.

4. The Forfeiture Allegation of the Indictment sought forfeiture of \$4,154.00 United States currency as “property constituting, or derived from, any proceeds obtained, directly or indirectly, as the result of such offense and any property used, or intended to be used, in any manner or part, to commit, or to facilitate the commission of, the offense.”

5. By virtue of said plea of guilty, Defendants have forfeited their interest in the subject property. Accordingly, the United States should be entitled to possession of said property pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 853.

6. The Government’s Motion for Preliminary Order of Forfeiture should be granted.

IT IS ORDERED:

1. The Government’s Motion for Preliminary Order of Forfeiture ([Filing No. 181](#)) is granted.

2. Based upon the Forfeiture Allegation of the Indictment and the plea of guilty, the Government is hereby authorized to seize the \$4,154.00 United States currency.

3. Defendants’ interest in the \$4,154.00 United States currency is hereby forfeited to the Government for disposition in accordance with the law, subject to the provisions of 21 U.S.C. § 853(n)(1).

4. The \$4,154.00 United States currency is to be held by the Government in its secure custody and control.

5. Pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 853(n)(1), the Government shall publish for at least thirty consecutive days on an official internet government forfeiture site, www.forfeiture.gov, notice of

this Preliminary Order of Forfeiture, notice of publication evidencing the Government's intent to dispose of the subject property in such manner as the Attorney General may direct, and notice that any person, other than Defendants, having or claiming a legal interest in any of the subject property must file a Petition with the Court within thirty days of the final publication of notice or of receipt of actual notice, whichever is earlier.


6. The published notice shall state the Petition referred to in Paragraph 5, above, shall be for a hearing to adjudicate the validity of the Petitioner's interest in the \$4,154.00 United States currency, shall be signed by the Petitioner under penalty of perjury, and shall set forth the nature and extent of the Petitioner's right, title, or interest in the \$4,154.00 United States currency and any additional facts supporting the Petitioner's claim and the relief sought.

7. The Government may also, to the extent practicable, provide direct written notice to any person known to have an interest in the \$4,154.00 United States currency as a substitute for published notice as to those persons so notified.

8. Upon adjudication of all third-party interests, this Court will enter a Final Order of Forfeiture pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 853(n), in which all interests will be addressed.

Dated this 27th day of May, 2025.

BY THE COURT:


Susan M. Bazis
United States District Judge